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SUBJECT: CONTINUED FIGHTING IN CHUONG THIEN

1. DESPITE SANGUINE REPORTS DELTA- WIDE-- AND SPECIFICALLY FROM CHUONG THIEN-- AT THE JUNE 23 MR IV BRIEFING, WE UNDERSTAND CONSIDERABLE FIGHTING CONTINUES TODAY IN CHUONG THIEN. RELIABLE SOURCES SAY AN ARVN REGIMENT, PROBABLY THE 31 ST, IS HEAVILY ENGAGED IN KIEN HUNG DISTRICT. ANOTHER FIGHT CONTINUES FOR THE SECOND CONSECUTIVE DAY IN LONG MY DISTRICT, WHERE THE 9 TH ARVN DIVISION' S 16 TH REGIMENT IS ATTEMPTING TO CLEAR SEVERAL UNIDENTIFIED HAMLETS ALLEGEDLY SEIZED BY THE VC DURING CEASEFIRE II. ACCORDING TO A HIGHLY PLACED MR IV SOURCE, CHUONG THIEN SECTOR FAILED TO IMMEDIATELY REPORT THE FALL OF THESE HAMLETS.

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2. COMMENT: PARTS OF LONG MY DISTRICT LONG HAVE BEEN
INFORMALLY CONCEDED TO THE VC/ NVA. UNTIL WE KNOW THE
LOCATION OF THESE CONTESTED HAMLETS, WE ARE UNABLE TO
CONFIRM WHETHER THE BATTLE REPRESENTS A LEGITIMATE GVN
DEFENSIVE GAMBIT OR A GVN CEASEFIRE VIOLATION. WISNER UNQTE
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